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30 DAY COMMENT PERIOD

SUNSHINE SEAFOOD, INC., RR2, BOX 491, DEER ISLE, MAINE 04627 has requested a Corps of Engineers permit under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 to construct a lobster pound in Webb Cove at Stonington, Maine as shown on the attached plans and described as follows:

Construct and maintain a 350' x 600' lobster pound. The pound would consist of six (6) 175' x 200' holding units. The holding units are to be constructed with PVC sheet pilings, pressure treated wood and pilings and vinyl coated wire mesh. The long lines would be moored by 500-1800 lb. anchors/blocks. The pound would be use to hold American lobsters for commerical.

The project is located on the DEER ISLE, ME quadrangle sheet at Universal Transverse Mercator grid coordinates N 4890764, E 528760.

The project would impact approximately 5.97 acres of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) - see attached sheet 4 for list of species and life stages. This habitat consists of subtidal area consisting of clay, silt and sand a minimum of 6' at mean low water. Feeding of lobsters would take place within the pound. The proposed project is expected to have only short-term impacts on fish. During the construction of the pound, fish in the project area may be displaced by suspended sediments and noise. Some juvenile and adult fish would no longer be able to use the area within the pound but could benefit from feed that escapes during the feeding of lobsters. No long-term impacts are expected from the structure or sediment build up.

Based upon this assessment of impacts to EFH, the District Engineer has made a preliminary determination that the site-specific adverse effect will not be substantial. Further consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding EFH conservation recommendations is being conducted and will be concluded prior to the final decision.

In order to properly evaluate the proposal we are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice. Comments should be addressed to Shawn Mahaney, Project Manager at the address noted above.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Such requests shall specifically state the reasons for holding a public hearing. The Corps holds public hearings for the purpose of obtaining public comments when that is the best means for understanding a wide variety of concerns from a diverse segment of the public.

Sincerely,

**SEE NEXT PAGE FOR
DETAILS OF EVALUATION
FACTORS**

**David H. Killoy, P.E., C.P.G.
Chief, Permits & Enforcement Section
Regulatory Branch**

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity in the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which may reasonably accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are: conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain value, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

Where the activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States or the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposing it in ocean waters, the evaluation of the impact of the activity in the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 as amended.

Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that little likelihood exists for the proposed work to impinge upon properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places, and no further consideration of the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, is necessary. This determination is based upon one or more of the following:

- a. The permit area has been extensively modified by previous work.
- b. The permit area has been recently created.
- c. The proposed activity is of limited nature and scope.
- d. Review of the latest published version of the National Register shows that no presence of registered properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein are in the permit area or general vicinity.

Pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, the District Engineer is hereby requesting that the appropriate Federal Agency provide comments regarding the presence of and potential impacts to listed species or its critical habitat.

The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice.

The following authorizations have been applied for, or have been, or will be obtained:

- (X) Permit, License or Assent from State.
- (X) Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission.
- (X) Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

The States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island have approved Coastal Zone Management Programs. Where applicable the applicant states that any proposed activity will comply with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the approved Coastal Zone Management Program. By this Public Notice, we are requesting the State concurrence or objection to the applicant's consistency statement.

All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.

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Summary of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Designation

10' x 10' Square Coordinates:

Boundary	North	East	South	West
Coordinate	44° 20.0' N	68° 30.0' W	44° 10.0' N	68° 40.0' W

Square Description (i.e. habitat, landmarks, coastline markers): Gulf of Maine waters within western Blue Hill Bay within the square affecting the following: around Brooklin, ME., Oceanville, ME., Stinson Neck, and eastern Deer Isle. These waters also affect the following: Jims Pt. on the southwestern part of Long I., and southwestern Long I., Harrison Pt., Flye Pt., Naskeag Pt., Herrick Bay, Benjamin River, West Brooklin, ME., North Brooklin, ME., Flye I., Naskeag Harbor, Harbor I., Smuttynose I., Mahoney I., Mahoney Ledge, Hay I. Ledge, Hog I., Devils Head, Channel Rock, Egg Rock, Sunken Egg Rock, Green Ledge, Crow I., Long Ledge, Potato Ledge, Lazygut Is., northern Shabby I., Eastern Mark I., Sheep I., Sunshine, ME., on Stinson Neck; White I., Bear I., Conary I., and Campbell I., within Eggemoggin Reach; Greenlaw Cove, Southeast Harbor, northern Deer I. Thorofare, east of Deer Isle, ME., Warren Pt. on Inner Harbor and Inner Harbor, Long Cove, Whitmore Neck, Buckmaster Neck, and Webb Cove.

Species	Eggs	Larvae	Juveniles	Adults
Atlantic salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>)			X	X
Atlantic cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i>)	X	X	X	X
haddock (<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>)				
pollock (<i>Pollachius virens</i>)			X	
whiting (<i>Merluccius bilinearis</i>)			X	X
offshore hake (<i>Merluccius albidus</i>)				
red hake (<i>Urophycis chuss</i>)			X	X
white hake (<i>Urophycis tenuis</i>)			X	X
redfish (<i>Sebastes fasciatus</i>)	n/a			
witch flounder (<i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i>)				
winter flounder (<i>Pleuronectes americanus</i>)	X	X	X	X
yellowtail flounder (<i>Pleuronectes ferruginea</i>)	X	X		
windowpane flounder (<i>Scophthalmus aquosus</i>)	X	X	X	X
American plaice (<i>Hippoglossoides platessoides</i>)	X	X	X	X
ocean pout (<i>Macrozoarces americanus</i>)	X	X	X	X
Atlantic halibut (<i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i>)				
Atlantic sea scallop (<i>Placopecten magellanicus</i>)	X	X	X	X
Atlantic sea herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)		X	X	X
monkfish (<i>Lophius americanus</i>)				
bluefish (<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>)				
long finned squid (<i>Loligo pealei</i>)	n/a	n/a		
short finned squid (<i>Illex illecebrosus</i>)	n/a	n/a		
Atlantic butterfish (<i>Peprilus triacanthus</i>)				
Atlantic mackerel (<i>Scomber scombrus</i>)				X
summer flounder (<i>Paralichthys dentatus</i>)				
scup (<i>Stenotomus chrysops</i>)	n/a	n/a		
black sea bass (<i>Centropristus striata</i>)	n/a			
surf clam (<i>Spisula solidissima</i>)	n/a	n/a		
ocean quahog (<i>Artica islandica</i>)	n/a	n/a		
spiny dogfish (<i>Squalus acanthias</i>)	n/a	n/a		
tilefish (<i>Lopholatilus chamaeleonticeps</i>)				
bluefin tuna (<i>Thunnus thynnus</i>)				X